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IT'S NOT OUR BIRTHDAY

When we celebrate a birthday we give gifts to the person whose birthday we are celebrating. Christmas is the birthday of our savior Jesus Christ. Lets not forget him in our hustle to get gifts for others.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Do you know where you are going? Do you get up each morning and attend classes just because they happen to be on your schedule? Do you do as little outside preparation for classes as possible? Are you letting yourself slide into a rut from which you cannot escape? If you are it is high time that you awakened before it is too late.

Classes are not just to take up time while you are waiting for the administration to make out your degree. They are laboratories where your interests are aroused, (if you let them be), so that you will want to take apart the subject that you are studying. You will be challenged with problems and ideas that need solving. In the natural course of satisfying your interests you are educating yourself.

You may have so many degrees after name that it looks like a thermometer and still you may not be educated. In a recent survey made by Dr. Meyer of New York it was proven that 25% of a senior class in a college were not as educated as 15% of a senior class in a high school they might teach.

Don't cheat yourself out of the money that has



THE ASH TRAY

By Joe and Jim

Last year we donated your pennies to the Poor Children's Christmas Banquet. This year we had high hopes of starting a collection to buy toothpicks for the starving Armenians but decided instead to delve deep into our own pockets and give you a present of this Ash Tray.

The first half of this year seems to have gone by as a gust of wind and along with it the best portion of \$85,000. Well, we should kick.

Let us now turn to the lighter subject of love. And may we give a little advice to that young man who is not sure whether his sweet loves him or not?

Theorem: If you love your girl, your girl loves you.

Given: You love your girl.

To Prove: That your girl loves you.

1. All the World loves a lover—Shakespeare.
2. Your girl is the world to you—Evident.
3. Hence your girl equals the world—Axiom 1.
4. Therefore your girl loves a lover—Axiom 2.
5. You are a lover—Evident.
6. Therefore your girl loves you.

The basketball team seems to be getting along well now. They have progressed to chapter two, page 27. Right, coach? Well we hope you finish the book and your season with success.

"Say Joe, these young freshmen misses have much artistic ability."

"Right Jim, I knew they painted the minute I looked at their faces."

While we're with the fair sex—?—I hear Mr. Carpenter had been keeping tabs on Mr. Donoghue's girl friend Hebe, while she was being moved around during hurricane repairs. I hope she doesn't get plastered.

Oh well, A LAUGH IS WORTH A HUNDRED GROANS IN ANY MARKET. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

been invested in your education. Get all that is coming to you. There is still time in this semester to help your marks; there is still time this year to take advantage of the many opportunities before you. By mapping out your course and then sailing forth, you will know exactly where you are going.

THE KING AND QUEEN

The Junior class is discussing the possibility of having a novel feature at its prom. The class is talking over plans for a king and queen.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

W. A. A. CARNIVAL JAN. 7

Chairman Frannie McCarthy called a meeting of all committees of the Winter Sports Carnival, Thursday, and plans for a successful outing have been made. The girls are planning to spend the day at East Jaffrey, and will enjoy skiing, skating, tobogganing, hiking and other winter sports.

Members of the committee are:
Transportation.

Eileen Connelly, Chairman;
Janice Whitmore, Mary O'Connor,
Sirkka Waris.

Equipment.

Helvi Winturri, Chairman; Mary
Shea, Mary Ward, Ann McIntire,
V. Sullivan.

Publicity.

Lillian Szocik, Chairman; Rita
Hastings, Angela Mikutaitis, Con-
nie Day, Emily Yauga, Mary
Disken, Alice Algeo.

Recreation.

Ellen Dorman, Chairman; Nel-
lie Meskinis, Joan Rice, Peg.



Francis McCarthy

Burke, Helen Whitcomb, Dot.
Hackett, Eleanor Thurlow.

Food.

Elizabeth O'Connor, Chairman;
Mary Coombs, Ursula Mulcahy,
Lila Eckland, Mary Owens.

Howard Hill**HOWARD HILL ISSUES
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There are a few students who are interested in the new Student Governments' financial status, since it has been commented that the new Association would find it a difficult task to make collections of the \$15.00 individual Student fee, agreed upon last May, as the amount necessary to balance the Association's total budget for the year 1938-39. What ever the basis for comment, it will be interesting, and possibly surprising, to learn that approximately (changes occur from day to day) \$4,200.00 of the budget has been paid, and of the remaining \$200.00 (equally divided between the Men and Women divisions) partial payment has been received in almost every case, with a definite time for payment of the remainder declared.

The ready response, by our student body, is evidence of a wholehearted support of our new organization, not confined to the financial division, but rather to be the only division in which any tangible evidence of group support

Junior B 46 Freshmen C 13

On Friday a tidalwave of baskets submerged the Freshmen C team to defeat. The high scoring Junior B team rolling up 43 points while holding their opponents to 13 knocked over another obstacle in their battle for the coveted championship.

English and O'Connell paced the offensive of the Juniors with 18 and 14 points, while Sweeney and Kosciusko played as strong defensive game. Seigel and Kaul were leading scorers for the Freshmen. Everyone on the Junior team took part in the scoring, and with constant improvement in their passing will remain on top of the list.

STANDING TO DATE

TEAM	W	L	PTS.	%
Junior B	2	0	74-21	100
Soph. A	2*	0	41-14	100
Soph. B	1	0	18-5	100
Junior A	1*	1	16-39	50
Fresh. B	1	1*	18-16	50
Senior	0	1	8-28	000
Fresh. C	0	2	18-64	000
Fresh. A	0	2*	14-20	000

* Forfeit

SCORERS

English, Jr. B	28
O'Connell, Jr. B	20
Starley, S. A.	13
Kosciusko, Jr. B	12
Kirby, S. A.	10

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

BOWLING

Bowling practices are still continuing at the Putnam St. Alleys under the direction of Elinore Scully. Freshmen and upper classmen are taking keen interest in this sport and are anxiously waiting for the color games to start.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

becomes apparent.

It would seem improbable at this time to anticipate any drastic difficulties, either financially or otherwise, for this financial response shows the trend of the student body's affiliation.

SCHEDULE

WEEK OF JANUARY 3

Monday

No school.

Tuesday

11:05 A. M.—Assembly board.

12:35 P. M.—Intra-mural meeting.

4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice. (B. F. Brown)

4:00 P. M.—Girls' basketball. (gym)

Wednesday

4:00 P. M.—Girls' bowling.

4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice. (B. F. Brown)

4:00 P. M.—Intra-mural basketball. (gym)

Thursday

4:00 P. M.—Girls' basketball. (gym)

4:00 P. M.—Basketball practice. (B. F. Brown)

Friday

Basketball (away)—F. T. C. vs. Farmington, Me.

Saturday

Basketball (away)—F. T. C. vs. Gorham, Me.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

COLONEL FURLONG

Colonel Charles Wellington Furlong, a well known travel lecturer, spoke to us in assembly, December 15, on "Brazil, the Land of the Southern Cross".

His lecture traced briefly the development of the cultural aspects of Brazil from the time of the explorations of the Renaissance, through to its present day industrialism. He, with the aid of screen illustrations gave us an inside view of the peculiar characteristics of the population and their architectural abilities, their fire department and several of their industries such as the rubber and coffee industries.

Colonel Furlong's talk was well received by the upper classmen, who welcomed his return as by the Freshmen, who heard him for the first time.

SAXIFRAGE EDITOR



Norma Richardson

1939 SAXIFRAGE

Plans for the new 1939 Saxifrage yearbook are now being completed. The faculty and student body may look forward to one of the most unique and interesting yearbooks ever published at F. T. C.

Heading the various departments of the Saxifrage staff are: Norma Richardson, Editor in chief; Mary Chase, Associate editor; Paul Martilla, Business manager; John Mitchell, Advertising manager; Mary Disken and Edward O'Sheasy, Sports editors; Lois White, Feature editor; Ellen Dornin, Organizations; Bernardine Johnson, Write-ups; and Thornton Pettee, Photographic editor.

Under the sponsorship of the Senior class, the 1939 Saxifrage will be an all student—all campus yearbook.

It is your yearbook! Make it a point to order your copy of this all-school publication as soon as you return from your Christmas vacation. You will be proud to own this vivid remembrance of your college years.

CO-EDUCATIONAL SPORTS BOARD ELECTION

Four girls chosen by the W. A. A. board and four boys chosen by the Intra-mural Board met Tuesday noon to discuss plans for launching a program of joint sports for girls and fellows. The boards feel that the school is now ready for such a program and the items discussed were: suitable sports, time, place, and organization.

Representatives of the W. A. A. board are: Anna Clifford, Ruth Hughes, Lillian Szocik, and Eileen Connelly. Representatives of the Intra-mural Board are John Gearan, Walter Vose, Gene Ciavala, and Frank Luokkala.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

FACULTY PARTY

The members of the faculty of the college and training school; and their wives enjoyed a Christmas party held in the Dillon school library last Thursday evening. Santa Claus was present, (in the person of Mr. Donoghue) to distribute gifts to the guests. Refreshments were served, and a general good time prevailed.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Another week of basketball has past, under Lillian Szocik's capable coaching, with the upper classmen practicing Tuesday, and the Freshmen, Thursday. There was a decided drop in the Freshmen attendance at the last practice. Let's try to keep the same spirit that made our basketball season start with flying colors.

Coach Szocik is now making plans for the class and color games, which will be played in a short while. Come to practices and get into the basketball spirit for the approaching games!

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

The first examination question was: "Give the number of tons of coal exported from the United States in any given year."

Tommy scratched his head, then wrote: "1492—none."

THE EDITOR REPLIES

To An Interested Student:

As the dictionary defines News as "A report of a recent event; information about a thing before unknown." I cannot conscientiously say that THE STICK has ever printed, or ever will print any news. THE STICK has five objectives which are:

To create better school spirit,
To develop individual ability, To
serve as a house organ for school,
To serve as a record of school
achievement, and To create intel-
ligent student opinion.

My staff I believe is carrying out these objectives in issuing your college paper.

As you gave only one instance of the so-called "stale bread" let's look at it. To begin with, when you criticize something be sure you know what you are talking about. The conference in Boston was held on November 18th and not November 23rd as you stated. If you look on page....of the November 18th issue you will find an item about the convention, in which the four representatives were listed. I requested reports from the four delegates Monday, November 21st, and was told that the reports would be given orally in assembly the next day. At that assembly an announcement was made to the effect that the reports would appear in THE STICK. I was glad enough to agree but was surprised to hear the announcement. One of the reports was put into my Post Office box that afternoon, and the next two were not passed in to me until the 30th of November; the last one was passed in to me the 1st of December, and therefore did not appear until December 9th.

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FLORIST

New Post Office Hours

As a reply to an appeal in THE STICK for a change in the hours of the General office, the following time changes have been announced:

Morning: 8:15 to 9:10
Noon: 11:55 to 12:20
Afternoon 3:00 to 3:15
4:00 to 4:15

In running an organization divided into as many units as THE STICK is divided into, it is important that each unit completes its obligation for the week on schedule. All the articles that are to appear in a Friday issue must be in the print shop by the preceding Tuesday. Tuesday night a dummy paper is made up and presented to the print shop Wednesday morning. Two pages of the paper are printed Wednesday, and the last four are printed Thursday.

The first of the year we had on our staff an Organization Editor whose job it was to contact organizations for their notices. The responsible people delegated by this Editor were so slow in fulfilling their obligations that there were many items left out of the issues, most notably the Sophomore Dance. We have done away with this office because of the attitude of the students.

I am not the least bit afraid to call to task any member of my staff who does not cooperate, but I refuse to accept the responsibility of checking on anybody outside of my staff. I find I am kept quite busy with the present 27 members.

I am sure you will find that the staff will be the first to admit its many shortcomings, but incidentally we have classes once in a while.

I asked for criticism and appreciate your honest endeavor.

—The Editor.

THE TRAVELING STICK

Did you know that our college paper traveled clear across the continent? Every week a copy of THE STICK is sent to Pomona College, at Claremont, Calif. and one to San Pedro, Calif.

This paper is also sent to friends in many other states. Someone in Bangor, Maine receives a copy every week, as do individuals in Cranberry, N. J. and South Bend, Ill. Friends in Binghamton and Oswego, N. Y. receive THE STICK every week. Other copies are sent to Providence, R. I., Durham, N. H., Montreal, Quebec.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

OUR NEXT ASSEMBLY

The assembly on Tuesday, January 3rd will be a sound motion picture entitled—"Ski-chase". The picture was filmed in Switzerland and is concerned with skiing in the Alps. Along with the main plot is interwoven the usual "cherchez la femme" situation.

It promises to be of interest to all, Skiers and non-skiers alike.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

DOUBLE QUARTET

The Christmas spirit of the Palmer Hall Double Quartet was revealed at the Rotary Club meeting in the Hotel Raymond on December 13, and at our Christmas—Assembly last Tuesday. Their versions of the Christmas Carols were very effective.

The Rotary Club will witness another performance by the quartet on March 21.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

DRAMATIC CLUB

Each year, the respective classes in the Dramatic Club put on a play for the private enjoyment of the club members. After the plays are given, the members discuss and criticize the performances. Recently the Club elected Beulah Mitchell as student coach for the Seniors; Dorothy Sears, for the Juniors; and Beverly O'Donnell for the Sophomores. Each director is selecting the play and her cast.

Campus Chatter

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

It takes a volcano to make a mountain shake,
To tremble a city, it takes an earthquake,
But here at F.T.C., where those things don't matter
The slightest things make the Campus Chatter.

B. G. R.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Tootsibella—"What do you think of punning?"

Poop-deck-pappy—"I know of no vice versa."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

We hear that professor Hammond took his freshmen class to Southbridge to go through the American Optical Co. plant. Did the "glass" like it professor?

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Tom—"I didn't sleep all during vacation."

Mary—"You darling, I'll bet you were thinking of me."

Tom—"No I had a toothache."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Question—"What happened at the Buffalo conference which has most direct bearing on the dorm Students?"

Answer—"Baker got the razz."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Mulski—"As far as cigars are concerned, I know all the ropes."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Senior—"That's a breach of etiquette."

Frosh—"Oh, I thought it was a piece of horse meat."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

From the way some girls talk, they ought to be on the "Whine" List.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

When Better Foods Are Wanted
Visit

The College Spa



Hungry, Dear?

Is Baker married to Daniels or is Daniels married to Baker? Confidentially, Jim, is that why you and Ginny were looking in the jewelry shop window at rings last Sunday nite?

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Charlotte, Walter, Marie, and Mayo were window shopping for toys on Main Street Saturday nite.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Meal Time Favorites:

"Ham Sweet Ham"

"Let Me Call You Sweet Tart"

"Hands Across the Table (or) That Boarding House Reach."

"How to make a date turn over (or) How to make him shell out"

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Found: In Miller Hall, a man's dark brown felt hat with the initials B.B. in the lining. The owner may procure his hat by giving an accurate description of it.

P. O. Box 000

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

John—"How is business Bert? Picking up?"

Bert—"No, she's a freshman."

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Remember to do your Christmas FOOing early.

— MERRY CHRISTMAS —

Benny asks:

Do you want to take a test on what you have contributed to the college this past year?

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